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1. DIRECTLY BEFORE THE DECEMBER 20 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS
COUNCIL SESSION GOT UNDER WAY, EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH
GAVE REPORTERS A PREVIEW OF THE BRIEFING HE WOULD BE GIVING
THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS
ON RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENTS. HE SAID THAT WHILE TALKS
WILH OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES WERE PROCEEDING "SWIFTLY AND
SATISFACTORILY," A PROBLEM HAD ARISEN DURING THE DECEMBER
20 NEGOTIATIONS WITH ICELAND WITH THE CONSEQUENCE THAT
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FISHING BY THE UK AND MOST MEMBER STATES IN ICELANDIC WALTERS
COULD NOT RESUME BEFORE LATE JANUARY AT THE EARLIEST.

2. GUNDELACH SAID THAT IT HAD "UNFORTUNATELY BECOME
CLEAR" DURING TALKS EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT THE GOI
WAS NOT PREPARED TO ISSUE AN "AUTONOMOUS STATEMENT"

ON FISHING RIGHTS IN ITS WATERS. THE EC HAD INSISTED FROM THE OUTSET THAT ANY INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS MUST INCLUDE SUCH STATEMENTS ISSUED BY BOTH SIDES AND BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF AVOIDING ABRUPT REDUCTIONS IN TOTAL CATCHES. ACCORDING TO GUNDELACH, THE GOI SAID THAT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, WHICH COULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JANUARY. GUNDELACH TERMED THIS RESPONSE "JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH" AND "REASON FOR CONCERN, WHICH WILL LIKELY GROW AS TIME GOES BY." IF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND ICELAND WERE TO BE WELL-FOUNDED, THE GOI WOULD HAVE TO PLACE FISHING RELATIONS ON A BETTER FOOTING; THE EC WOULD EXPECT THE GOI TO LOOK AT THE FISHING ISSUE IN THE LIGHT OF OVERALL EC-ICELAND RELATIONS. AFTER MAKING A VAGUE REFERENCE TO BENEFITS EXTENDED TO ICELAND BY THE EC UNDER EFTA ARRANGEMENTS, GUNDELACH SAID THAT THE EC WAS NOT NOW CONTEMPLATING ANY "SPECIFIC MEASURES" VIS-A-VIS THE ICELANDERS AND THAT THE COMMUNITIES WOULD JUST HAVE TO WAIT THE MATTER OUT. HE DENIED EMPHATICALLY, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC WAS THREATENING THE GOI. GUNDELACH INDICATED THAT NO DATE HAD BEEN SET FOR HIS NEXT MEETING WITH ICELANDIC NEGOTIATORS BUT THAT IT WOULD BE SOMETIME IN JANUARY. (COMMENT: HOPES OF EVEN AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BY JANUARY 1 HAVE, IN ANY CASE, BEEN DASHED -- AND A DATE FOR POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF UK FISHING IN ICELANDIC WATERS SET BACK FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.)

3. GUNDELACH FURTHER COMMENTED THAT TALKS WITH FINLAND, SWEDEN, SPAIN, FAEROE ISLANDS, CANADA, THE US AND NORWAY WERE PROCEEDING WELL. HE STRESSED THE DIFFICULTY OF RESOLVING ALL ISSUES IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND HIGHLIGHTED ONLY ONE MAJOR POINT OF DISAGREEMENT -- THAT OF DETERMINING THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES (TAC'S) WITHIN THE CONTIGUOUS FISHING ZONES OF THE EC AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORWAY.)A NORWEGIAN MISSION OFFICER TOLD US THAT DURING THE LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC, NORWAY READ A STRONG STATEMENT CRITICIZING THE COMMISSION FOR UNILATERALLY DECLARING A TAC AND QUOTA FOR NORWAY IN THE EC FISHING ZONE RATHER THAN CONSULTING WITH NORWAY REGARDING THE OPTIMUM TAC FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE, AS PROVIDED BY THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AT UNLOS AND THE EC-NORWEGIAN DRAFT FISHING AGREEMENT.) GUNDELACH SAID THAT, IN ALL CASES, THE EC IS SEEKING INTERIM AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED FISHING AFTER JANUARY 1, SUBJECT TO AGREED TAC'S AND CONSERVATION MEASURES ON BOTH SIDES. HINTON

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